

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 0581

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL, NATO, GW, NO  
SUBJECT: FRG PARTICIPATION EXERCISE IN NORWAY

REF: (A) STATE 027401, (B) OSLO 0492, (C) USNATO 00851, (D)  
OSLO 0364, (E) USNATO 00680, (F) USNATO 00809 (ALL REFS NOTAL)

1. CE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE AS WE STATED IN REF B THAT NORWAY  
SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF OUR AND THE ALLIANCE'S CONCERN WITH THE  
ADVERSE EFFECTS THAT ITS DECISION ON FRG TROOP PARTICIPATION COULD  
HAVE BOTH IN A NATO AND AN EAST-WEST CONTEXT. WE ALSO CONTINUE  
TO BELIEVE THAT NO ADVANTAGE WOULD BE GAINED BY PUBLICLY  
CHIDING NORWAY OR SEEMING TO DO SO IN THE MEDIA.

2. THUS WE ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THE SUBSTANCE AND  
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APPROACH SUGGESTED PARAS 3 AND 5, REF A. IN THIS CONNECTION  
EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OVER THE LAST  
10 DAYS TO DISCUSS THE GERMAN TROOP ISSUE INFORMALLY WITH A  
NUMBER OF SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE  
AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PUT THE BEST FACE ON  
THE GON'S MOVE, ALL AGREED THAT IT HAD BEEN CLUMSILY DONE.

3. WE FIND RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED PARA 4 SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTIONARY. THE GON HAS TOLD US THAT ITS DECISION TO LIMIT FRG PARTICIPATION APPLIES ONLY TO THE 1980 EXERCISE AT THIS TIME. DOES PARA 4 MEAN THAT WE SHOULD URGE THE GON AT SOME TIME IN THE INTERVENING TWO YEARS, TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION ON THE 1980 EXERCISE, OR THAT WE SHOULD DIRECT OUR EFFORTS TOWARD A GENUINE "NORMALIZATION" OF MILITARY RELATIONS WITH THE FRG REGARDING EXERCISES AFTER 1980?  
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